



Howard University, in collaboration with the National Education Equity Lab, is pleased to offer *Principles of Criminal Justice* to high striving students at Title I high schools across the country.

COURSE OVERVIEW

This Howard University course provides an introduction to the criminal justice system and a foundation for future study. In this course, students will explore the key concepts of the criminal justice system and critically think about issues emerging in 21st century media. Students will debate current controversy as it relates to the principles of criminal justice. Students are challenged to consider a range of criminal justice policy debates raised by the following questions:

- ★ What components make up the criminal justice system?
- ★ How is crime defined and measured?
- ★ How is the system used to deter crime and promote peace?
- ★ Who is affected by the criminal justice system? How?
- ★ What are the theoretical explanations of criminal behavior?
- ★ What are the emerging issues for the 21st century in criminal justice?

WHO SHOULD ENROLL

- ★ Students entering **11th or 12th grade**
- ★ Students curious about **law, sociology, or social justice**
- ★ Students interested in **earning college credits in high school!**

MEET THE PROFESSOR



Dr. Bahiyah Muhammad

Dr. Bahiyah Muhammad was born in New York and raised in New Jersey. Dr. Muhammad is a first-generation four-year college graduate and attended a Title I high school in East Orange, New Jersey. She also received her doctorate from Rutgers Newark at the School of Criminal Justice. Currently, [Dr. Bahiyah Muhammad](#) is a Celerity Professor in the Department of Sociology and Criminology at Howard University in Washington, DC., where she advises Nick Cannon and the children of celebrities, mayors, and other politicians who attend the illustrious Howard University. Dr. Muhammad is an innovative educator who utilizes radical ways of engaging students in higher education. Students described her as, [“empowering”](#), [“transformative”](#), [“critical”](#) and [“freeing.”](#) Her classes have been dubbed the [“Dr. Muhammad Experience”](#) and have won her the title of Professor of the Year 2014, 2015 and 2016. She is the first teacher anywhere in the world to have [students sleep in prison](#) as a required part of their course curriculum. Dr. Muhammad is a [unique educator](#) working strategically to change the landscape of higher education as it is known today.